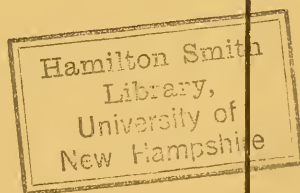


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Town Officers

OFFICERS CHOSEN MARCH ELECTION, 1922

TOWN CLERK

FRANK H. LORD

SELECTMEN

WILLIAM H. McDEVITT PERLEY E. LADD
LOUIS B. JANVRIN

TOWN TREASURER

CHARLES N. DODGE

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

RAY W. COMBS

SCHOOL BOARD

RAY W. COMBS CHARLES A. PARKER
MRS. ESTHER L. CRAM

SCHOOL TREASURER

FORREST B. CREIGHTON

(Elected November, 1922)

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL COURT

WALTER B. FARMER

MODERATOR

WALTER B. FARMER

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

WALTER A. LADD ARTHUR W. CHASE
FORREST B. CREIGHTON

TOWN WARRANT

(L. S.) STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Hampton Falls in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said Hampton Falls, on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation for the same.

3. To raise \$100.00 for deficit in Anniversary fund.

4. To choose a director to serve on the board of the Exeter, Hampton and Amesbury Street R. R. for the ensuing year, pursuant to the vote as passed October 6, 1919.

5. To raise and appropriate \$500.00 to be paid to the E. H. and A. St. R. R., provided there is a deficit in the operation of the road.

6. To see what action the town will take toward raising more money for rebuilding the Exeter Road bridge, and raise and appropriate the money for the same.

7. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 to paint and repair the Town Hall.

8. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this fifth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-three.

WILLIAM H. McDEVITT,
PERLEY E. LADD,
LOUIS B. JANVRIN,
Selectmen of Hampton Falls.

Selectmen's Report

INVENTORY—LESS EXEMPTIONS

Lands and Buildings.....	\$391,331
Horses, 115.....	12,445
Asses and Mules, 2.....	90
Oxen, 4.....	310
Cows, 343.....	16,940
Other Neat Stock, 46.....	1,330
Sheep, 23.....	161
Hogs, 5.....	180
Fowls, 2776.....	4,163
Portable Mills, 5.....	400
Wood, Lumber, etc. (Laws 1911, Ch. 82)	30,925
Municipal Bonds and Notes.....	34,935
Money on Hand, at interest, or on Deposit	33,731
Stock in trade.....	12,310
Aqueducts	1,950
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Total, (exclusive of Soldier's exempt.)....	\$541,701
Polls, 5 at \$3.....	\$ 15
250 at \$5.....	\$ 1,250
Amount taxes committed to collector, includ- ing poll taxes.....	\$12,640.72
Amount exempted to soldiers.....	\$1,185.00
Average rate per cent of taxation for all pur- poses \$2.10 per \$1,000.	

WILLIAM H. McDEVITT,
 PERLEY E. LADD,
 LOUIS B. JANVRIN,
 Selectmen of Hampton Falls.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Town charges.....	\$1,000
Roads	2,000
Library	125
Memorial Day.....	25
Trunk Line.....	500
Electric Road.....	500
Rebuilding Exeter Road Bridge.....	900
Painting and Repairing Library bldg..	350
Observance of 200th Anniversary.....	200
Support of Schools (as per budget page 33, Town Report).....	4,309
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Total	\$9,909

TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS

BALANCE

ASSETS

Cash in N. H. National Bank.....\$2,378.77

Uncollected Tax, 1922..... 708.96

\$3,087.73

SHEET

JANUARY 31, 1923

LIABILITIES

Dog Tax.....	\$ 64.20	
Permanent Improvement.....	319.35	
Appropriation for Exeter rd. bridge.	900.00	
Balance on Schools.....	1,309.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,592.55
Balance in favor of town.....		<hr/> \$495.18

Treasurer's Report

For Year Ending January 31, 1923.

DR.

To balance Jan. 31, 1922.....	\$2,830.64
Taxes collected, 1921.....	543.34
Taxes collected, 1922.....	11,931.76
Interest on Taxes.....	12.95
State Insurance tax.....	125.81
railroad tax.....	107.95
savings bank tax.....	319.33
Dog tax.....	64.20
Automobile permit tax, 1922....	978.32
County Poor.....	196.00
Interest on bank deposits.....	65.90
Declaration fees.....	4.00
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	\$17,180.20

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By Salaries of Town Officers.....	\$ 553.07
Books, printing and Officers' ex-	
penses	152.57
Health department.....	10.00
Police department.....	17.00
Patriotic purposes.....	53.81
Library	214.50
Library (special appropriation).	205.75
County poor.....	196.00
Town hall.....	127.46
maintenance	1,902.70
notes	500.00
Snow paths.....	1,405.36
Trunk Line maintenance.....	500.00
Permanent Improvement.....	295.00
Schools	4,640.60
Tax (State).....	1,980.00
County	1,185.59
Anniversary	200.00
E. and H. Street Railway.....	500.00
Unclassified expenditure.....	32.00
Abatements	130.02
Cash in treasury, Jan. 31, 1923.....	2,378.77

\$17,180.20

Treasurer's Account In Detail

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS

Paid Wm. H. McDevitt, selectman.....	\$98.10
Perley E. Ladd, selectman.....	82.00
Louis B. Janvrin, selectman.....	58.00
Frank H. Lord, town clerk.....	57.97
Charles N. Dodge, treasurer.....	50.00
Ray W. Combs, tax collector.....	75.00
Forrest B. Creighton, supervisor, (2 years).....	36.00
Arthur W. Chase, supervisor, (2 years).....	36.00
Walter A. Ladd, supervisor.....	26.00
George J. Curtis, auditor.....	6.00
Arthur W. Brown, auditor.....	6.00
J. Howard Brown, auditor.....	6.00
Frank S. Greene, elec. inspector...	4.00
Frank H. Fogg, election inspector.	4.00
J. Howard Brown, elec. inspector	4.00
R. H. Blatchford, elec. inspector..	4.00
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	\$553.07

BOOKS, PRINTING AND OFFICERS EXPENSES

Paid Rockingham Printing Co., print- ing town reports.....	\$65.00
Geo. F. Merrill, expenses to Con- cord, P. B. Rust.....	8.00
Stewart E. Rowe, Town bonds....	27.50

James H. Brown, special apprais-	
ing	4.00
Geo. F. Merrill, special appraising	4.00
Edson C. Eastman, tax books.....	2.55
Charles N. Dodge, stamps and en-	
velopes	2.30
Edson C. Eastman, four warrants.	.22
Rock. Ptg. Co., Town inventories.	39.00

\$152.57

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Paid Arthur W. Chase, health officer.....\$10.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Paid Lewis P. Clark, police officer.....\$17.00

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Paid H. Herbert Lang, plants.....	\$12.00
Walter A. Ladd, decorating graves	3.00
Chas. N. Dodge, flags for Common	
and Town hall.....	30.31
Louis B. Janvrin, flag ropes.....	3.00
James H. Batchelder, flags.....	5.50

\$53.81

LIBRARY

Paid Mrs. Ellen F. Lord appropriation	\$125.00
Mrs. D. F. Batchelder, brush.....	1.00
J. Howard Brown, insurance.....	75.00
D. F. Batchelder, wood.....	13.50

\$214.50

LIBRARY (Special)

Paid E. L. Godfrey, repairs on roof...	\$ 10.00
Ralph S. Godfrey, outside painting	140.00
Irving Brown, repairs on ceiling.	8.84
C. P. Mulligan, repairs on roof..	1.85
Ralph S. Godfrey, inside painting	42.49
B. T. Janvrin, lumber	2.57
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	\$205.75

COUNTY POOR

Paid Sarah Goodwin.....	\$196.00
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TOWN HALL

Paid Irving Brown, repairs.....	\$ 4.84
C. P. Mulligan, repairs on roof....	4.07
Arthur W. Brown, installing sink.	11.97
J. Howard Brown, insurance.....	44.00
B. T. Janvrin, lumber.....	10.00
George A. Janvrin, janitor.....	23.54
E. and H. Electric Co.....	29.04
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	\$127.46

TOWN MAINTENANCE

Paid North East Metal Culvert Co...	\$ 27.00
Applecrest Farm, tile for drain...	11.50
Albert W. Elkins.....	643.25
Grant B. Sanborn.....	599.90
Walter A. Ladd.....	603.83
Bertram T. Janvrin, lumber....	9.92

Chas. Harrison, repairing road
machine\$ 7.30

\$1,902.70

NOTES

Paid Piscataqua Savings Bank.....\$500.00

SNOW PATHS

Paid N. W. Batchelder.....\$ 20.00
Albert W. Elkins..... 576.38
Grant B. Sanborn..... 400.28
Walter A. Ladd..... 408.70

\$1,405.36

TRUNK LINE MAINTENANCE

Paid Winslow and Cummings.....\$365.93
State Highway Commissioner... 134.07

\$500.00

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT

Paid Albert W. Elkins.....\$295.00

SCHOOLS

Paid Forrest B. Creighton.....\$4,600.00
Forrest B. Creighton, bal. on
dog tax..... 40.60

\$4,640.60

STATE TAX

Paid John W. Plummer, State Treas..\$846.81
John W. Plummer, excess poll tax 480.00
State credit..... 553.09

\$1,980.00

COUNTY TAX

Paid Stewart E. Rowe, treasurer.....\$1,185.59

TOWN ANNIVERSARY

Paid Mrs. Charles N. Dodge, appropriation.....\$200.00

STREET RAILWAY

Paid Exeter and Hampton St. Ry. Co.....\$500.00

UNCLASSIFIED

Paid Wm. E. Cram, damage to sheep..\$12.00

Charles I. Akerman, care of Town

clock 20.00

\$32.00

ABATEMENTS

Paid Ray W. Combs, discount on taxes..\$85.02

J. H. Page, Gertrude C. Poole, poll
tax 5.00

J. H. Page, Florence Pevear, poll
tax 5.00

Ray W. Combs, Doris Elkins poll
tax 5.00

Ray W. Combs, Albert Goodwin,
poll tax..... 5.00

Ray W. Combs, Evelyn Sturgis, poll
tax 5.00

Ray W. Combs, Warren H. Batch-
elder, poll tax..... 5.00

Ray W. Combs, H. G. Sturgis, sol-
dier 2.00

Ray W. Combs, Mary A. Hawes,
poll tax..... 5.00

Ray W. Combs, Minnie A. Batchelder, poll tax.....	\$ 5.00
Ray W. Combs, Est. Lester B. Sanborn, horse.....	3.00
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	\$130.02

CHARLES N. DODGE, Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT

February 5, 1923.

We, the undersigned auditors, have this day examined the foregoing accounts of the Town Treasurer and find them well vouched and correctly cast and a balance in his hands of Two thousand, three hundred and seventy-eight dollars and seventy-seven cents (\$2,378.77).

HELEN F. BATCHELDER,
JAMES H. BROWN,

Auditors.

JANITOR TOWN HALL

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1922

Jan. 31, milk meeting.....	\$ 1.00
balance on coal bill.....	.80
opening 6 times for supervi-	
sors	1.25
Mar. 17, Farmers' Club.....	1.00
Apr. 12, Farmers' Club.....	1.00
May 10, wax for floor.....	3.30
May 24, milk meeting.....	.50
May 26, milk meeting.....	.50
June 20, stove pipe.....	.35
Aug. 8, committee meeting.....	1.00
Aug. 18, tuning piano.....	4.00
Oct. 25, milk meeting.....	1.00
Nov. 2, light bulbs.....	1.65
Merrill Bros. bill.....	.79
Dec. 12, D. F. Batchelder, 1 cord pine	
wood	10.00
D. F. Batchelder, 1/2 cord hard	
wood	6.50
D. F. Batchelder, sawing 2 1/2	
cords wood.....	2.50
G. A. Janvrin, 1 cord pine	
wood	10.00
G. A. Janvrin, 1/2 cord hard	
wood	6.50
Dec. 5, 12 yards cloth for stage.....	5.40
Opening 7 times for entertain-	
ments	7.00
Opening 25 times for Grange..	25.00

 \$91.04

DR.

1922

Apr. 15, Woman's Club.....	\$ 1.00
May 11, Woman's Club.....	3.00
May 20, Grange play and rehearsals...	3.50
May 27, East School play.....	2.00
May —, W. C. T. U. Meeting.....	2.00
Aug. 2, Batchelder's reunion.....	2.00
Nov. 10, Woman's Club.....	2.00
Dec. 21, From Grange.....	52.00

\$67.50

Due Janitor.....\$23.54

AUDITORS' REPORT

February 5, 1923.

We, the undersigned auditors, have this day examined the foregoing accounts and find them well vouched and correctly cast.

JAMES H. BROWN,

HELEN F. BATCHELDER,

Auditors.

Library Report

REPORT OF LIBRARY TREASURER

DR.

Balance for 1921.....	\$ 3.46
Appropriation, 1922.....	125.00

\$128.46

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1922

Paid, Dec. 8, Helen F. Batchelder re-binding	3.00
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1923

Paid, Jan. 10, J. H. Brown, carfare and postage	3.42
Jan. 17, De Wolfe Fiske and Co., books	85.50
Jan. 17, Pearson Book Co.....	3.75
Jan. 19, Helen F. Batchelder, services as Librarian.....	31.20
Jan. 20, Balance on hand.....	1.59

\$128.46

S. E. JANVRIN, Trustee.

AUDITORS' REPORT

February 5, 1923.

We, the undersigned Auditors, have this day examined the foregoing accounts of the Library Trustee and find them well vouched and correctly cast, and a balance in his hands of One Dollar Fifty-nine cents.

JAMES H. BROWN,
HELEN F. BATCHELDER,
Auditors.

BOOKS ADDED TO TOWN LIBRARY IN 1922

Yates and Pacent.....	Complete Radio Book
Robinson, Edwin A.....	Collected Poems
Franck.....	Roaming in the West Indies
Freeman.....	Down the Yellowstone
Monckton.....	Taming New Guinea
O'Brien.....	Atolls of the Sun
Stefansson.....	Hunters of the North
Robinson, Corinne....	My Brother, Theodore Roosevelt
Beach, Rex.....	Flowing Gold
Brown, Alice.....	Old Crow
Chambers.....	Flaming Jewel
Churchill	*Crisis
Churchill	*Crossing
Day, Holman.....	Joan of North Woods
Dell, Ethel.....	Charles Rex
Farnol, Jeffrey.....	Penegrine's Progress
Fisher, D. Canfield.....	Brimming Cup
Grey, Zane.....	Riders of the Purple Sage
Hemon, Louis.....	Maria Chapdelaine
Hergesheimer.....	Bright Shawl
Hutchinson.....	This Freedom
Kaye-Smith, Sheila.....	Joanna Godden
Kyne, Peter B.....	Webster, Man's Man
Locke.....	Tale of Triona
Lutz.....	Voice in the Wilderness
McCutcheon.....	Viola Gwyn
Norris, Kathleen.....	Mother
Oppenheim	Great Prince Shan
Packard	Night Operator
Parker	Carnac's Folly
Prouty.....	Fifth Wheel
Quick, Herbert.....	Vandemark's Folly
Richmond.....	Star in the Country Sky
Rinehart.....	Amazing Interlude
Roberts, G. D.....	Morning of Time
Sinclair, Bertrand.....	North of Fifty-Three

Tarkington.....	Gentle Julia
Weyman.....	Ovington's Bank
Wharton.....	Glimpses of the Moon
White, Stewart.....	On Tiptoe

JUVENILE

Abbott, Jane.....	Red Robin
Beach, Edward.....	Don Quin of the Navy
Bishop, Giles.....	Lieutenant Comstock
Dix, Buelah M.....	Turned About Girls
Eaton, Walter P.....	Boy Scouts at Crater Lake
Gerry, Margarita S.....	Phillipa at the Chateau
Holland, Rupert.....	Peter Cotterell's Treasure
Kingsley.....	Westward Ho
Rhodes, E. M.....	Copper Streak Trail
Richards, Lela H.....	Caroline at College
Spinger Norman.....	Blood Ship
Verrill.....	Radio Detectives Southward Bound
Worthington.....	Leonore Lends a Hand

Anniversary Celebration

I wish to submit a report of the Two Hundredth Anniversary Committee which was appointed at the March Town Meeting, 1922.

Just a brief report of the day might be of interest.

The weather was not entirely favorable on the day set for the celebration, established practically as an Old Home Day as it brought back numbers of former residents to join the festivities. There were one or two showers which did not interfere with the outdoor sports and if attendance was an indication of success, then there certainly was a good crowd present. The Town presented a holiday appearance as many of the fine old farm houses, public buildings and summer houses were decorated, and conspicuous in many places were the emblems bearing the dates and inscriptions, Hampton Falls 1722-1922.

The day's festivities began at ten o'clock in the morning with sports and a baseball game. At noon, in front of the Town Hall was served free, an excellent lunch to all of the Hampton Falls residents and invited guests.

At two o'clock came the interesting exercises in the Town Hall, and the following speakers, who were native sons and daughters or residents of the town, furnished the program.

Rev. Edward J. Prescott of North Andover, Mass., gave the past history of the town in a most acceptable manner. Rev. Charles A. Parker, minister of the Baptist Church, spoke on the town's future, and Dr. Ralph Cram of Boston spoke on the future of rural communities. His talk was one of the most enlightening and interesting ever given in the town and was much appreciated by the inhabitants and guests who packed the Town Hall to overflowing.

The following poem by Alice Brown, another famous child of Hampton Falls, was then read.

O pleasant land of field and stream,
Down-dropping to the sea!
No words could weave a dearer dream
Than your reality.

The sunbright mists bewitch the air
Above your bowery grace.
And fair you are,--but ten times fair
The veil upon your face.

Of spin-drift, salt, and fragrance blent,
The ocean's benison,
Mixed for a moment's ravishment,
And, with the moment, gone.

And you are fair when driven snow
Lies hollowed, darkly blue,
And fair when winds of morning blow,
And drink the morning dew.

And fair when orchards richly hang
Beauty on bending trees,
Become, where late the bluebird sang,
A bright Hesperides.

Mirror of England's Midland bloom
Ribbed with New England rock!
Our sires, who framed your spacious room,
That staunch, enduring stock,

Were not more leal to you than we
Who love you,--nor forget
The faiths that kept our fathers free
Are yours and England's yet.

The Town Prophecy was admirably given by Miss Frances Healy, daughter of Clifford Healy. An especially pleasing solo was rendered by Miss Mary Chase, also a daughter of the town.

A concert band from Hampton Beach played from eleven o'clock until three o'clock in the afternoon and gave most excellent satisfaction.

In the evening the orchestra played and then a concert was given by the following artists.

1. Orchestra

2. Impersonation and Stories

MR. CHARLES T. GILLEY

3. To the Evening Star

Wagner-Liszt

Spring Song

Raff

MR. ARTHUR FOWLE

4. La ci darem la mans

Mozart

Sunset

Thomas

MRS. FULLER AND MR. BENNETT

5. Tranquility

How Many Times Do I Love Thee

Arthur Fowle

MR. CHARLES BENNETT

6. Character Selections

MR. CHARLES T. GILLEY

7. At Parting

Rogers

I Know Where a Garden Grows

Densmore

MRS. ALVAN T. FULLER

8. Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes

Old English Edv

Rolling Down to Rio

German

MR. CHARLES BENNETT

9. Selection

MR. CHARLES T. GILLEY

The entertainment was followed by dancing.

This report would not be complete without mentioning the fact that the General Committee received the whole hearted co-operation of the members of the sub-committees and the inhabitants of the town. Everybody did their part without complaint and there was absolutely no sign or suggestion of friction or dissatisfaction.

It was an excellent illustration of what can be accomplished for the welfare and benefit of the town when its people determine to make a success of any enterprise which meets with their approval and Mr. George Curtis and George Merrill should receive thanks from the community for offering, at the Town Meeting, so appropriate a resolution which must have brought a great deal of happiness and pleasure not only to the town people who entertained the invited guests, but the guests themselves who returned to renew old acquaintances and view the never forgotten places of interest.

Before closing the report, and without mentioning specifically any names, if it had not been for the generous donations of time given by the Chairman and members of the several committees, and the generous donations of materials by persons who desired to see the day a success, the committees could not have given so satisfactory a celebration with the money at their command. Therefore, while the names are not mentioned here but are well known to the inhabitants of the town, those persons should not only receive the thanks of the inhabitants at the coming town meeting but should always be considered by the people as town benefactors.

It is the wish of the General Committee that their appreciation and thanks be extended to the Chairman

and members of the committees and the and the inhabitants of the town who worked harmoniously and unceasingly to make the two hundredth anniversary of the town of Hampton Falls a huge success.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER B. FARMER,
Chairman General Committee.

ANNIVERSARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS

Appropriation from Town.....	\$200.00	
Loan, Mr. W. B. Farmer.....	20.00	
Loan, Mr. B. T. Janvrin.....	20.00	
Loan, Dr. A. M. Dodge.....	20.00	
Loan, Mrs. E. F. Healey.....	20.00	
Loan, Mr. C. N. Dodge.....	20.00	
Gift, Mrs. Andrews.....	5.00	
Gift, Mr. Sturgis.....	16.82	
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		\$321.82

PAYMENTS

Mr. J. Smith, sports.....	\$ 41.82	
Mr. G. F. Merrill, luncheon.....	76.00	
Mrs. Burlen, decoration.....	17.79	
Mr. Charles T. Gilley.....	28.50	
Mr. Charles Bennett.....	10.00	
Mr. B. T. Janvrin, band.....	105.00	
Mr. F. H. Lord, printing.....	6.50	
Mr. Emmons Brown, program.....	36.21	
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		\$321.82

SCHOOL REPORT

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF SCHOOL BOARD

The most perplexing problem which confronts the School Board and the School District at the present time is that of High School tuition. In order that the citizens of the Town may thoroughly understand the situation, it will perhaps be wise to give a brief summary of the change in the policy of the school board in regard to High School tuition, and the conditions which now exist.

Two years ago, partly because of general dissatisfaction throughout the District in regard to the expense of sending children to the Hampton Junior High School and partly because some parents wished to have their children attend Newburyport High School, the school board made a contract with the Newburyport High School to take our pupils for one year.

The tuition was \$85.00 per year (\$30.00 in excess of the amount which each district is required by law to pay) but since our pupils could enter Newburyport directly from our town schools, and since the tuition for four years at Newburyport was practically the same as for the six year course at Hampton, the full amount was paid by the School Board.

At the beginning of the present school year a new problem confronted the School Board; the tuition was raised to \$100.00 per pupil per year. However, since nine pupils entered Newburyport High School last September with the understanding that \$85.00 tuition would be paid, it was voted by the School Board to pay \$100.00 and then ask each parent to pay to the School District \$5.00 per term or \$15.00 per year. Consequently, circulars were sent to the several parents advising them as to the decision of the School Board, and asking

that the first payment of \$5.00 be made at once. Up to the present time, only three parents have responded. It is extremely important that these parents take their share of the responsibility and meet their part of the obligation.

The tuitions charged in other schools for the present school year are as follows:

Exeter High School.....	\$55.00
Robinson Female Seminary.....	55.00
Hampton High School.....	70.00

According to the school law it is illegal for any School Board to pay tuition to a high school for any amount in excess of \$55.00 without the vote of the School District. Therefore, there will be an article in the school warrant this year to see if the District will vote to pay any tuition in excess of the amount required by law and, if so, how much. Since this important question is for the District to decide, I hope that every voter will consider it thoughtfully and carefully, and then come to the District meeting and vote according to his best judgment.

Respectfully submitted,

RAY W. COMBS.

SCHOOL STATISTICS—1921-22

ATTENDANCE

School and Teacher	Wks.	Boys	Girls	No. Tardy	Av. D'y At'nd	P. C. At'nd
East, grds. 1-8	36	23	13	45	33	.97
Mrs. Eva D. Simons						
North, grds. 1-8	36	10	7	60	12.85	.90
Mrs. Florence Batchelder						
South, grds. 1-6	36	6	8	15	12	.92
Edna M. Hardy						
Total or average	36	39	28	120	57.85	.93

Visits: Supt., 60; School Board, 11; Others, 122.

COMPARATIVE TABLE FOR FIVE YEARS

	1921-22	1920-21	1919-20	1918-19	1917-18
No. pupils reg.	67	64	59	61	57
Av. membership	62.35	50.3	53.6	54	53
Av. d'y attend.	57.85	46	45.6	47.3	48
P. C. attendance	93	89	83.3	87.7	89.7
Cases tardiness	120	125	113	116	125
No. in High	18	28		17	16

PROMOTION AND RETARDATION

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
No. promoted	8	5	7	9	8	6	8	5	56
Not prom.	3	2	1	1					7
2nd trial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Av. age									
Sept. 1, 1921	6	7	7.9	8	9.1	10	13	13.5	

ENROLLMENT BY GRADES

(Fall, 1922)

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
East	5	5	2	4	5	3	4	4	32
North	2	2	3	2	2	3		1	15
South	1	2	2	2	2	2	1		12
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Total	8	9	7	8	9	8	5	5	59

 ROLL OF HONOR

Perfect attendance one year: Mary Hadley, Priscilla Akerman.

Perfect attendance two terms: Wilbur Smith, Lincoln Akerman, Russell Simons, Charlotte Akerman, Josephine Akerman, Richard Simons.

Perfect attendance one term: Roscoe Berry, Otis Hadley, Gordon Janvrin, Caroline Thurlow, Ira Pevear.

SCHOOL BUDGET

June 30, 1923 to June 30, 1924

Salaries District Officers.....	\$ 55.00
Administration	20.00
Teachers' salaries.....	2,300.00
Text-books	50.00
Supplies	50.00
Flags	10.00
Janitor service.....	120.00
Fuel	150.00
Minor repairs.....	100.00
Medical inspection.....	20.00
High School tuition.....	1,400.00
Per capita tax.....	162.00
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Total	\$4,437.00

Financial Report

Hampton Falls, School District, June 30, 1921 to June
30, 1922.

RECEIPTS

1921

June 30, Balance on hand.....	\$ 121.72
Sept. 5, From Town.....	500.00
Oct. 3, From Town.....	500.00
Dec. 5, From Town.....	1,000.00

1922

Jan. 12, From Town.....	990.00
Apr. 3, From Town.....	600.00
May 1, From Town.....	500.00
June 5, From Town.....	540.60

\$4,752.32

PAYMENTS

Administration:

Salaries of district officers.....	\$ 60.00
Superintendent's excess salary..	65.78
Expense of administration.....	17.07

 \$142.85

Instruction:

Teacher's salaries.....	\$2,306.00
Textbooks	43.53
Scholar's supplies.....	67.16

 \$2,416.69

Operation and Maintenance of School Plant:

Janitor service.....	\$ 130.88
Fuel	150.50
Janitor's supplies.....	13.25
Minor repairs and expenses.....	240.19

 \$534.82

Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities:

Transportation of pupils.....	\$ 99.00
High School and Academy tuition	856.68

 \$955.68

Per Capita tax.....\$160.00

Bond for School Treasurer..... 4.50

 Total payments for all purposes.....\$4,214.54

SCHOOL DISTRICT

BALANCE

ASSETS

Total receipts from all sources....\$4,630.60

Total cash on hand, June 30, 1921.. 121.72

Grand total.....\$4,752.32

SHEET

JUNE 30, 1922.

LIABILITIES

Total payments for all purposes...\$4,214.54

Total cash on hand, June 30, 1922.. 537.78

Grand Total.....\$4,752.32

FORREST B. CREIGHTON, School Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT

Hampton Falls, N. H., August 10, 1922.

We, the undersigned Auditors of the Town of Hampton Falls, have this day examined the foregoing accounts of the School Treasurer and find them well vouched and correctly cast, and a balance in his hands of Five Hundred and Thirty-seven Dollars and Seventy-eight cents.

HELEN F. BATCHELDER,
JAMES H. BROWN,

Auditors.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

June 30, 1921 to June 30, 1922

Administration:

Chairman of School Board.....	\$ 20.00
Other two members of School Board	20.00
Treasurer to June 30, 1922.....	20.00
Superintendent's excess salary....	65.78
Expenses of Administration.....	17.07

 \$142.85

Instruction:

Teaching at East School.....	\$900.00
Teaching at South School.....	650.00
Teaching at North School.....	756.00
Textbooks	43.53
Scholar's supplies.....	67.16

 \$2,416.69

Operation and Maintenance of School Plants:

Janitor service at East School.....	\$ 30.00
Janitor service at South School.....	37.88
Janitor service at North School....	63.00
Wood	150.50
Sawing and housing wood.....	14.51
Janitor's supplies.....	13.25
Cleaning South School.....	5.00
Repairs	108.33
Lumber	12.14
Printing	3.10
Trucking	4.00
Desks	80.60
Freight and express.....	12.51

 \$534.82

Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities:

Transportation of pupils.....	\$ 99.00
Tuition to Newburyport High.....	226.63
Tuition to Robinson Female Sem- inary	220.00
Tuition to Hampton Academy and High School.....	300.00
Tuition to Exeter High School....	110.00
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	\$955.68
Per Capita tax.....	160.00
Bonds for School Treasurer.....	4.50

 ADDITIONAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

June 30, 1922 to February 1, 1923

RECEIPTS

1922	
June 30, Balance.....	\$ 537.78
Sept. 5, Received from Town.....	500.00
Oct. 16, Received from Dearborn Academy fund.....	25.00
Nov. 6, Received from Town.....	500.00
Dec. 4, Received from Town.....	500.00
1923	
Jan. 1, Received from Town.....	1,000.00
Jan. 31, Received from Town.....	500.00
Received from sale of School wagon.....	4.00
Received from excess tu- ition	15.00
Balance due from Town...	1,309.00

 \$4,890.78

PAYMENTS

Administration	\$ 8.30
Teacher's salaries.....	1,000.00
Text books.....	15.36
Supplies	49.37
Telephone and postage.....	.66
Taking census.....	6.00
Janitor service.....	53.00
Fuel	103.00
Sawing wood.....	12.00
Minor repairs.....	40.20
Transportation (last year).....	50.00
Tuition	1,021.53
Medical Inspection.....	28.00
Per capita tax.....	184.00
Balance, Feb. 1, 1923.....	2,319.36

\$4,890.78

FORREST B. CREIGHTON, School Treasurer.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Hampton Falls School Board:

I am pleased to submit my fourth annual report as Superintendent of Schools. I also transmit to you the report of the School Physician, and the tabulation of the customary School Statistics.

WORK OF THE YEAR

A careful diagnosis of the scores made in the Standard Tests, which were given in the fundamental subjects last spring, shows high scores in the rate of Reading in the East and North Schools and in grades 4 and 5 in the South School, but low scores in the other grades in the South School. Low scores in comprehension were made in all grades in the South School except in grades 2 and 7 where the results were about normal. In writing, the scores were from low to average in a majority of all grades in the three schools. This year I am in hopes that we shall make a better record in the tests, due to the use of the new Houston System of Writing. From a superficial inspection of the present writing of the pupils I should say that some improvement is being made. As in the previous year, high scores resulted in practically all grades in Spelling and average to high scores were made in Composition in most grades except a few at the South School. In general, average to high scores resulted in the four fundamentals of Arithmetic. With the above exceptions, judging from the results of these Standard Tests, I believe good progress was made in most of the fundamental subjects last year.

From a comparison of the tables of Promotion and Retardation for the last two years we find a few more

were retarded last year than in the previous year; however, it occurred in the first few grades where normally it should be greater.

TEACHERS

We were fortunate this year to retain the same corps of teachers we had last year with one exception. Mrs. Florence E. Batchelder who had given excellent service in the North School resigned to remain at home and Miss Elizabeth G. Brown, of Hampton Falls, a graduate of the Whittier School in Merrimac was elected by the School Board to take her place. Miss Brown, after having studied for six weeks at the Keene Summer School to receive some special training for her work, began the school in September and was steadily improving in her work, when she was taken ill with influenza, shortly before Thanksgiving. Not recovering rapidly from her illness she resigned her position. We were exceedingly fortunate in being able to get Mrs. Laura G. Wadleigh, a thoroughly trained Normal graduate and teacher of several years successful experience to take the school for the remainder of the fall term. Personally I was very sorry we could not persuade her to continue in the school for the rest of the school year as I found her an especially strong teacher for such a school. However, Mrs. Mabel R. Schaffner, a graduate of the Newburyport Training School several years ago, who was elected by the Board is making good progress with the school at present and I trust the work there will not be broken up again this year.

ATTENDANCE

The per cent of Attendance, 93 last year, was the best it has been for the past five years. The number of cases of tardiness last year was 120 or five less than for the previous year. This improvement in both attendance and tardiness is a pretty sure indication of

more interest on the part of the pupils and correspondingly more efficiency in all school work.

HEALTH SUPERVISION

A study of the report of the school physician shows good results obtained, I believe. There was a slight increase in the number of defects found over the previous year, due chiefly to a greater number of defective teeth found. However, out of a total of 79 defects found the previous year, 18 cases had received treatment or a little more than $\frac{1}{4}$ of them. Evidently the services of a school nurse for "follow-up work," are needed in order to get more pupils treated for certain defects.

REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

District:—Hampton Falls, Grades 1 to 8; Date, May, 1922. Number examined: pupils, 55; teachers, 3.

	No. Cases found	Notices Sent parents	No. Cases treated since last exam.
Malnutrition	7	7	
Defective vision	3	3	4
Nervous disease	1	1	
Skin disease	2	2	
Orthopedic defects	3	3	
Defective teeth	33	33	12
Hypertrophied tonsils	8	8	
Adenoids	3	3	
Enlarged glands	4	4	
Unvaccinated (no excuse)	24	24	2
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Total	88	88	18

W. L. COLEMAN, M. D., School Physician.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

In my reports of the last two years, I have pointed out many of the defects in our present school plant and organization of the school work, and so only refer you to those sections for further consideration.

SCHOOL COSTS

I believe it will be interesting to you to compare the costs of schools in the different districts of this union for last year. I have computed the same on the basis of cost per pupil of average membership.

Town	Cost
Newington	\$71.35
Newcastle	59.19
Rye (6 grades and 4 years of high)	58.01
North Hampton	88.21
Hampton (grades)	48.64
Hampton Academy and High	77.33
Hampton Falls	52.34
Seabrook	33.91

These figures were obtained by omitting extraordinary payments, such as for repairs, remodeling, high school tuition etc., and counting only the necessary current expenses of the schools. You will note the cost per pupil for Hampton Falls was a little more than eleven dollars less for last year than for the previous year chiefly since your average membership was increased by about 12 per cent, and in part because your payment for the same items the previous year was \$441.62 more than for last year.

One thing which I wish to suggest for the consideration of the Board is the possibility of instruction in Music for our children in Hampton Falls. Our boys and girls have just as good voices and natural abilities along this line as those in other towns have but they do need

some special instruction in this subject which affords so much enjoyment in the lives of all peoples. We have teachers, I am sure, who could teach Music very well under the direction of a competent Music Supervisor. We now have such a supervisor for all the towns of this union except Newcastle and Hampton Falls and I recommend that the board include in their budget an amount sufficient to engage the services of a supervisor, to see if the district would not approve of the same.

In closing, I wish to thank the board for whatever advice and support you have given me and the parents and teachers for their co-operation in making a successful school year. ,,

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. WALKER, Supt.

Hampton, N. H., February 7, 1923.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS, N. H., FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1922

Date	Name of Child (if any)	No. of Child	Liv'g or St'b	Male or Fem.	Name of Father	Maiden Name Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Apr. 4	Charles R.	10	L	M	D. Elwin Pevear	Florence Hickford	Hampton Falls	Lynn, Mass.
May 12	Charles I., Jr.	6	L	M	Chas. I. Akerman	Mary M. McConnell	Hampton Falls	Hampton Falls
Sept. 1	Hubert R.	2	L	M	Myron L. Brown	Marjorie D. Brown	Seabrook, N. H.	Sandwich, Mass.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS, N. H., FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1922

Date	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Age in years	Color of Each	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by Whom Married
1922 May 15	Walter T. Rogers Flora E. Sawyer	55 W 44 W		Alstead, N. H. Bucksport, Me.	Elizabeth O. Allen George M. Rogers Joseph W. Sawyer Addie J. Flynn	Rev. C. A. Parker Hampton Falls, N. H.
June 7	Russell P. Merrill Elizabeth Cutts	22 W 20 W		Hampton Falls, N. H. Kittery, Me.	George F. Merrill Hannah B. Moulton Joseph C. Cutts Caroline A. Goodrich	Rev. E. B. Young Raymond, N. H.
June 22	Calvin J. Fox Gladys S. Moulton	37 W 23 W		Athens, Me. Hartford, Conn.	Aaron B. Fox Franc Jones Joseph F. Moulton Louise Cummings	Rev. C. A. Parker Hampton Falls, N. H.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS, N. H., FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1922

Date	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age			Place of Birth	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
		Years	Months	Days			
Male or Fem.		Sin., Mar. or V					
Mar. 27	Fred C. Sturgis	M	S	6	13	Exeter, N. H.	Evelyn Cahoon
Apr. 7	Ann M. Sanborn	F	W	86	3	Hampton, N. H.	Sabrina Marston
May 11	Minerva Prescott	F	W	79	1	Stratham, N. H.	Ann Arnold
May 16	Mary A. Hawes	F	S	52	2	H. Falls, N. H.	Mary H. Sanborn
May 24	Lewis Gordon	M	S	73	11	Rockland, Me.	Cyrena Acorn
May 31	William D. Coffin	M	M	63	2	P. E. Island	Mary —
Sept. 5	Elizabeth S. Stevens	F	W	82	5	Newmarket, N. H.	Mary J. Burley
Sept. 24	Carolyn S. Knowles	F	S	3	18	Saco, Me.	Jessie Swain
						W. Franklin Knowles	

